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Gary Kruh et al.) Art Unit: 1632
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Transporter Encoding)
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TRAVERSAL OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

A restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §§121 and 372 was set forth in the Official Action dated December 12, 2002 in the above-identified patent application. It is the Examiner's position that claims 1-59 in the present application are drawn to sixteen (16) patentably distinct inventions which are as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-7, 45-51 and 56-58, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule having the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 (MOAT-B), a vector comprising said nucleic acid molecule, a host cell containing said nucleic acid molecule, and a method for screening a test compound for inhibition of MOAT mediated transport using said host cell.

Group II: Claims 8-10, drawn to an antibody specific to MOAT-B.

Group III: Claims 11-17, 45-51 and 56-58, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule having the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 (MOAT-C), a vector comprising said nucleic acid molecule, a host cell containing said nucleic acid molecule, and a method for screening a test compound for inhibition of MOAT mediated transport using said host cell.